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## HEAD SHOT OFF MAN AT PORTALES

**Boy With Shot Gun Commits Murder, Killing Innocent Bystander.**

A tragedy occurred at Portales Monday night, which according to reports was one of the coldest blooded murders in eastern New Mexico.

According to the story given the NEWS, a youth of 19 named Sam Conn, who harbored a grudge against R. E. Curd, a second hand dealer of Portales, lay in wait near the corner of the First National Bank for his victim. He was armed with a single barrel shotgun and as Curd advanced in company with Adolph Molesberger, he raised his gun to fire. Curd quickly jumped behind Molesberger as the boy fired. The shot tore away part of Molesberger's head and spattered brains and blood all over the doors of the bank. Before Conn could reload the single barrel gun, Curd had escaped. Molesberger is a German farmer living in the Rogers settlement and had never had any difficulty with his assailant. He did not suspect trouble and was killed instantly without warning. Conn was arrested.

### Oral Kennedy Returns With Honors

The Clovis High School is again rejoicing because Oral Kennedy brought home oratorical honors from Roswell, last week.

It will be remembered that Oral Kennedy and Miss Bernice Fry were the Clovis winners in the Pecos Valley Oratorical and Declamatory contest last winter and for this reason they were sent to Roswell to again try their luck. Oral Kennedy went with the intention of returning with first honors. He knew his school mates expected it of him and they were not disappointed after the conflict last Saturday night, at Roswell.

### Notice to Delinquents.

If there is anything we dislike to do, it is to dun delinquents through the columns of the paper, but some people think that a newspaper is a free medium of distribution. This is a mistake. It costs money to publish a newspaper and lots of it. We have a number of delinquents on our lists. We admit this and so has every other newspaper. If there ever was a time in our newspaper career that we would fully appreciate the paying up of these back subscriptions that time is NOW!

If you don't want the paper, pay up and stop it, but don't allow it to come and when billed say "I never ordered it."

For instructions how to pay up, observe the following:

Approach the editor with a smile, saying "I have something for you." Then place a big round dollar between the thumb and index finger and thrust it into his hand. He may look surprised, but that doesn't matter. He will then return the smile and both will feel better.

### Good Business on Santa Fe

"The Santa Fe Railroad certainly has no room to complain about business," remarked one of their employees to a NEWS reporter one day this week. On Monday they handled fourteen trains between seven o'clock in the evening and seven o'clock in the morning and that was only a repetition of their every day business. "Of course this number includes the early morning passengers" he continued, but all the employees are drawing good pay checks every month now and this business is almost certain to continue until the end of the year at least. The coast traffic is heavy and business is picking up on the other lines.

### Christian Church Will be Built

At the special union services held Sunday night at the Lyceum many contributions were offered for the purpose of erecting a Christian Church building to cost not less than \$2500.00. The sum of \$1552.00 was raised at that meeting and some has been subscribed since. This good work is largely due to the efforts of Rev. Rice of El Paso, who made a specialty of this class of work. The donors included those of every denomination and was sufficient to start work on the building as contemplated. The new church building will be erected on the site of of the old one in the northwest part of the city and the old building will be sold or removed.

### More Sidewalks the Cry

There never was a time in the history of Clovis when the cry for more sidewalks in the residence districts was heard than at the present time. The heavy rains of last week made some of the streets almost impassable to pedestrians for several days. It was good business for the man selling high top rubber boots but hard on low cut shoes. The movement is on in earnest to construct concrete walks on several of the main thoroughfares and R. S. Beck and K. Shumate who are experienced concrete sidewalk builders have received several contracts to build walks. The city council is expected to take the matter up and pass an ordinance requiring the building of walks on certain streets, which are the most traversed. A three or four foot concrete walk would not be expensive providing all the property owners had it built at the same time. The cost of walks built along the property of non-resident owners could be assessed against the property until paid. The walks would enhance the value of the property, more than the price paid for them.

E. E. White, a prominent farmer from Grady, was a visitor in Clovis Monday.

### Elks Will Entertain

The Clovis Elks are planning on another "stunt." That's what the Elks call them and we are rather inclined to believe that the application is appropriate. In other words they are going to give a farce comedy in 'steens acts on or about May 20, A. D. 1915. Of course all the funny Elks will take part from Erhard down to Mike Kelly. It is calculated to pull off something so funny that the audience won't be able to get their faces straight again for a month. Erhard is a good end man in a minstrel show and it is expected that he will more than make good in a farce comedy play. The idea was promoted by two young ladies who are busy this week working the merchants on an advertising program scheme. Something new, of course and they are meeting with splendid success.

### Some Sweet Clover

"Uncle" Jake Reichart, of near Claud, was in town Tuesday and brought to this office a sample of sweet clover which he raised on his farm. "You can talk about your sudan, feterita and all the rest of the dry land forage crops," says Uncle Jake, "but this sweet Clover is the best I have ever tried yet." Mr. Reichart says that he planted the clover in May of last year and pastured it all winter. He took the stock off the Clover about two weeks ago and it has grown to a height of six or eight inches on the worst land he had. The root of the stalk brought to town measured about three feet in length. Stock of all kinds eat it readily and it grows like a weed.

### Another Barber Shop

W. C. Chastain has rented a location in the J. W. Stewart building on North Main Street and will open a barber shop as soon as he can arrange the fixtures, that he has purchased in Texico which are a part of the fixtures of the K. C. Shop and were only recently moved to Texico. Mr. Chastain is a son-in-law of "Dad" Warner of Clovis.

### Poker Players Arrested

A poker party was disturbed by city marshal, C. D. Irvine, Sunday night and the players arrested under the statutes in such cases made and provided. The party was in progress in the rooming house over the Clovis Auto Garage and officer Irvine stood on a chair and peered over the transum until convinced it was a game of sure enough poker when he entered and made the arrest. All the accused parties, who are residents of Clovis, plead guilty except one and were assessed \$25.00 and costs by justice Noble in police court Monday.

### Prisoner's Wounds Dressed

Dr. J. R. Haney was called to the railroad station Monday morning to dress the wounds of a prisoner on the train, who was handcuffed and in charge of two sheriffs from Missouri. The wound was a deep cut as if made by a knife and extended across the throat and shoulder. The prisoner was being conveyed by the two officers to some point in California and the presumption would be that he was a desperate character as the handcuffs were not removed while Dr. Haney dressed his wounds. Dr. Haney gleaned the information that the wound was received in Missouri.

### Wreck at Texico

Quite a disastrous wreck to rolling stock occurred at Texico Monday morning about 7 o'clock when No. 921, which is the Lubbock cut-off passenger west bound, ran into a stock train standing on the siding with the result that the caboose was demolished and several cars damaged. The engine on the passenger was also considerably damaged but no passengers or members of the crew were injured.

William Wheeler, who owns a good farm one mile north of town, has returned from Ohio, where he has been for the past year. He will rent his farm and return soon.

### Virginia Minstrels

The Virginia Minstrels should be satisfied with their attendance in Clovis Wednesday night and those who saw them are also satisfied. Their big tent was packed and the show was all that was expected and more too. They certainly have the best aggregation of black faced artists that ever visited Clovis and there was a complete change in program since they visited here last fall.

### Paul Coldren Here

Paul Coldren, of the Coldren Land Company, who have the townsite of Muleshoe in Bailey county, was a Clovis visitor for several days the latter part of last week. Mr. Coldren, who has done as much perhaps to develop this section of the country as any man in it, says that the Muleshoe country is settling up with a desirable class of farmers and business men.

### Its Sadler and Stewart

Finis E. Sadler and J. W. Stewart have gone into the plowing business. They started by buying a 30-60 gasoline tractor, supplied with twelve gang plows and are going to "tear up the earth with it." They propose to plow and cultivate a large tract of land north of town and plant it in wheat. They also expect to do work for others and have also purchased a separator. May their venture prove a success.

### Many Fords

The little Ford Car is undoubtedly still the leader in this section of the country. It the Ford car continues to be sold in Clovis in the near future as it has in the past, we will need the services of a traffic policeman to enable a pedestrian to cross the street. Jones and Lindley, the agents, advise us that they have sold 29 of the cars since the first of the year and now have another shipment en route.

H. S. Davis, of Olney, Texas, is here visiting his son R. E. Davis and his daughter.

## A FEW POINTERS

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